



MONITORING REPORT

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PROJECT

Project/Action Code: A1/035533/11

Project/Action Name: Strengthening Research Center and Community Service on Risk Management Disaster for improving food security and agricultural productivity in the Amhara Regional State (Ethiopia)

Spanish Coordination Centre: Univeristat Jaume I

Ethiopian Beneficiary Centre: Bahir Dar University

GOALS OF THE PROJECT

General objective. Contribute to improve food security and agricultural productivity in the Amhara Region by strengthening BDU's Centre for Research and Community Service in Disaster Risk Management.

Specific objectives.

Academic Management improvement

Agricultural research and innovation improvement.

GIS training on risk management and food security.

New technologies use for e-learning and crowdsourcing.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Activity 1. Agricultural Research

Visit of an Ethiopian lecturer to the UI facilities. Interview with the coordinator of the activity. Exploratory discussion about the possible field trials to be developed in Ethiopia.

Field research in 2011:

Approach I. Goal: Determine the adaptability of different potato varieties to different geographical sectors.

Approach II. Goal: Test the response to fertilizers of the oil crop “Nuk” in order to improve the yield and oil harvest.

Activity 2. GIS capacity Building

Training on GIS. Introduction to GvSIG a GIS open-source software.

Activity 3. Community Training

Training on Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction (CBDRR)/ Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Planning. Training for 50 woreda officials was given in 2 target areas of the project.

Planning action preparation. 5 action plans are prepared for 5 kebeles affected by major hazards.

Community Advisory Service. Natural and Resource Management Experts provided the service for communities and CM-committee in Habru woreda.

Activity4. Networking

Workshop on reducing risk-improving food security. 31 development actors participated in the workshop.

Activity 5. Gender Mainstreaming

Exploratory work for gender mainstreaming as a cross-cutting issue in the project. Meetings with the coordinators of the different groups.

FUTURE ACTITONS

Agriculture group: new research in improving yield on tomato, potato (diseases resistant varieties) and pepper.

GIS capacity building: advanced training in GIS to be used on disaster risk management and food security research.

Research: ‘Impacts of PSNP on Household Food Security in Amhara Region’.

Community training: The training to the officials will be extended to two more kebeles and the advisory service will be for women’s saving groups in the target woredas.

Networking: Support to the creation of a web platform for the Amhara Food Security Network.

Gender: including gender mainstreaming in the community training and in the research about PSNP, as well as in all the activities of the project.

Gender mainstreaming training and Disaster Risk Reduction.